

Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 11-13, 19-21, 29, 31, and 36-37 are amended and claims 17-18, 22-28, and 35 are canceled. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by applicants to advance prosecution of the application and obtain allowance of certain claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., page 5, lines 13-23; page 14, lines 6-10), figures (e.g., FIGS. 2-4), and claims and thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 11-16, 19-21, 29-34, and 36-37 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Mustajarvi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,512,756; "Mustajarvi"). This rejection is respectfully, but most strenuously, traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action's citations to the applied references, with or without modification or combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that the modification or combination of the Office Action's citations to the applied references is proper, do not teach or suggest the single board computer for providing general packet radio services functionality of the serving GPRS support node and the gateway GPRS support node and the line card processor for providing general packet radio services functionality of the serving GPRS support node and the gateway GPRS support node, as recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

For explanatory purposes, applicants discuss herein one or more differences between the claimed invention and the Office Action's citations to Mustajarvi. This discussion, however, is

in no way meant to acquiesce in any characterization that one or more parts of the Office Action's citations to Mustajarvi correspond to the claimed invention.

Mustajarvi (column 8, lines 10-16) discloses:

An intra-operator backbone network 13, which interconnects an operator's SGSN and GGSN equipment can be implemented, for example, by means of a local network, such as an IP network. It should be noted that an operator's GPRS network can also be implemented without the intra-operator backbone network, e.g. by providing all features in one computer.

Mustajarvi discloses providing all features of the SGSN and GGSN equipment in one computer. However, Mustajarvi fails to disclose a single board computer and a line card processor. Mustajarvi fails to disclose the single board computer for providing general packet radio services functionality of the serving GPRS support node and the gateway GPRS support node and the line card processor for providing general packet radio services functionality of the serving GPRS support node and the gateway GPRS support node.

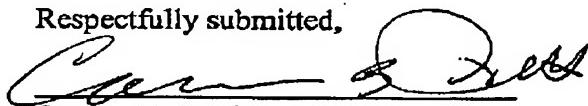
Accordingly, the Office Action's citation to Mustajarvi fails to satisfy at least one of the limitations recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

For all the reasons presented above with reference to claim 1, claims 1 and 29 are believed neither anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. The corresponding dependent claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as independent claims 1 and 29, as well as for their own additional characterizations.

Withdrawal of the § 102 rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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